

South Dakota LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, July 18, 2003 – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 73.7 million pounds during June. This was up 2 percent from one year ago but down 8 percent from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For June, pork production was up, but sheep and lamb production was unchanged from one year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 340,600 head during June compared to 329,400 head last year. Average live weight was 261 pounds, which was down 1 pound from 2002. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 339,900 head, which was comprised of 9,600 sows, and 330,400 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,300 head during June, unchanged from last year. Average live weight was 119 pounds, which was up 6 pounds from 2002. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,100 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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